

ORDINANCE

OF THE

LORDS and COMMONS,
Assembled in Parliament.

For

The Calling of an Assemblie
Of

Learned, and Godly Divines to be consulted

With by the PARLIAMENT,

For the Setling

Of the Government and Liturgie, of the
Church of ENGLAND,

And for vindicating and clearing the Doctrine
of the said Church, from false Aspersions and
Interpretations; as shall be most agreeable to
the Word of God.

*With the names of all the Ministers appointed
for the same.*

Die Lunæ, 12. Jun. 1643.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament, that this
Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.

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An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons
in Parliament, for the calling of an Assembly
of learned and godly Divines, and others, to be
consulted with, by the Parliament, for the
setting of the Government and Liturgie of the Church
of *England*, and for vindicating and clearing of
the Doctrine of the said Church from false
asperisions, and interpretations.

WHereas amongst the infinite blessings of Almighty God up-
on this Nation, none is, or can be more dear unto us, then
the purity of our Religion, and for that as yet many
things remaine in the Liturgie, Discipline and Govern-
ment of the Church, which doe necessarily require a further and
more perfect Reformation, then as yet hath been attained: And
whereas it hath been declared and resolved by the Lords and Com-
mons assembled in Parliament, That the present Church Govern-
ment by Archbishops, Bishops, their Chancellors, Commissaries
Deans, Deans and Chapters, Archdeacons, and other Ecclesiasti-
call Officers depending upon the Hierarchie, is evil and justly offen-
sive and burthensome to the Kingdome, a great impediment to re-
formation and growth of Religion, & very prejudiciall to the state
and government of this Kingdome, and that therefore they are resol-
ved that the same shal be taken away, & that such a government shal
be settled in the Church, as may bee most agreeable to Gods holy
Word, & most apt to procure and preserve the peace of the Church
at home, and neerer agreement with the Church of *Scotland*, and
other reformed Churches abroad, and for the better effecting hereof

and for the vindicating, & clearing of the doctrine of the Church of England from all false calumnies and aspersions, It is thought fit and necessary to call an Assembly of learned, godly, and judicious Divines, to consult and advise of such matters and things, touching the premisses, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the houses of Parliament, & to give their advice & counsel therein, to both or either of the said Houses, when, and as often as they shall be thereunto required. Be it therefore ordained by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, That all and every the persons hereafter in this present Ordinance named, that is to say, *Algernon Earle of Northumberland, William Earle of Bedford, Philip Earle of Pembroke and Montgomerie, William Earle of Salisbury, Henry Earle of Holland, Edward Earle of Manchester, William Lord Viscount Say and seal, Edward Lord Viscount Conway, Philip Lord Wharton, Edward Lord Howard of Estr. John Selden Esq. Francis Rows Esq. Edmund Prideaux Esq. Sir Henry Vane Knight senior, John Glyn Esq. Recorder of London, John White Esq. Bouldstrode Whitlocke Esq. Humphrey Solloway Esquire. Mr. Serjeant Wild, Oliver Saint John Esq. his Majesties Sollicitor, Sir Benjamin Rudyard Knight, John Pyme, Esquire. Sir John Clotworthy Knight, John Maynard Esquire, Sir Henry Vane Knight junior, William Pierpoint Esquire, William Wheeler Esquire, Sir Thomas Barrington Knight, Mr. Young Esquire, Sir John Evelin Knight, Herbert Palmer of Ashwell Batchellor in Divinity, Oliver Boles of Sutton Batchellor in Divinitie, Henry Wilkinson of Maddesden Batchellor in Divinity, Thomas Valentine of Chalfont Giles Batchellor in Divinity, Dr. William Twist of Newbury, William Reynor of Igham, Mr. Hanniball Gammon of Maugan, Mr. Jasper Hicks of Lawrick, Dr. Hoyle late of Dublin in Ireland, William Bridges of Yarmouth, Thomas Wincop of Ellesworth Doctor in Divinity, Thomas Goodwin of London Batchellor in Divinitie, John Ley of Budworth in Cheshire, Thomas Case of London, John Pynce of Bereferrers, Mr. Whidden of Mooreton, Dr. Richard Love of Ekington, Dr. William Gouge of Blackfriars London, Dr. Ralph Brownerigg Bishop of Exeter, Dr. Samuel Ward Master of Sidney*

ney colledge, *John White* of *Dorchester*, *Edward Peale* of *Compton*,
Stephen Marshall of *Frinchingfield* Batchellor in divinity, *Obediah*
Sedgewicke of *Cogshall* batchellor in divinity, *M. Carter*, *Peter*
Clerke of *Carnaby*, *William New* of *Essington* batchellor in divi-
nity, *Richard Capell* of *Hitchcombe*, *Theophilus Bathurst* of *Over-*
ton Watervile, *Phillip Nye* of *Kimbolton*, *D. Bocket Smith* of
Barkway, *D. Cornelius Burges* of *Watford*, *John Greene* of *Pen-*
combe, *Stanley Gower* of *Brampton Bryan*, *Francis Taylor* of *Yal-*
ding, *Thomas Wilson* of *Otham*, *Anthony Tuckney* of *Boston*, *Tho-*
mas Coleman of *Bliton*, *Charles Herle* of *Winwicke*, *Richard Her-*
ricke of *Manchester*, *Richard Cleyton* of *Showell*, *George Gibbs* of
Ayleston, *D. Calibute Downing* of *Hackney*, *Jeremy Boroughtes* of
Stepney, *Edmund Calamy* batchellor in divinity, *George Walker* bat-
chellor in divinity, *Joseph Carroll* of *Lincolus Inne*, *Lazarus*
Seaman of *London*, *D. John Harris* Warden of *Winchester colledge*
George Morley of *Mildenhall*, *Edward Reynolds* of *Branston*,
Thomas Hill of *Titchmarch* batchellor in divinity, *D. Robert*
Saunderson of *Boothby Pannell*, *John Foxcroft* of *Gotham*, *John*
Jackson of *Marske*, *William Carter* of *London*, *Thomas Throug-*
good of *Maffingham*, *John Arrowsmith* of *Lynne*, *Robert Harris* of
Hanwell batchellor in divinity, *Robert Crosse* of *Lincolne colledge*
batchellor in divinity, *James Archbishop* of *Armagh*, *D. Matthias*
styles of *Saint George Elcheape London*, *Samuel Gibson* of *Bur-*
ley, *Jeremiah Whittacre* of *stretton*, *D. Edmund Stanton* of *King-*
ston, *D. Daniel Featley* of *Lambeth*, *Francis Coke* of *Yoxhall*,
John Lightfoot of *Asbeley*, *Edward Corbet* of *Merton colledge*
Oxon, *Samuel Helderham* of *Felton*, *John Langley* of *Westenderly*
Christopher Tisdale of *Uphusborne*, *Thomas Young* of *Stowmar-*
ket, *John Phillips* of *Wrenthom*, *Humphrey Chambers* of *Claver-*
ton batchellor in divinity, *John Conant* of *Lymington* batchellor
in divinity, *Henry Hall* of *Norwich* batchelor in divinity, *Henry*
Hutton: *Henry Scudder*, of *Colingborne*, *Thomas Baily* of *Manning-*
ford Bruce, *Benjamin Pickering* of *Eastheateley*, *Henry Nye* of
Clapham, *Arthur Sallaway* of *Seavernestoake*, *Sydrake Sympson* of
London, *Anthony Burgesse* of *Sutton Coldfield*, *Richard Vines* of
Calcot,

Calcot, *William Greenhill* of Stepney, *William Moreton* of Newcastle, *Richard Buckley*, D. *Thomas Temple* of Battersey, *Josias Shute* in Lombardstreet batchellor in divinity, M. *Nicholson*, *Thomas Gattaker* of Rotherhith batchellor in divinity, *James Weldy* of Sylatten; D. *Christopher Pashley* of Hawarden, *Henry Tozer* batchellor in divinity, *William Spurstow* of Hampden in Bucks. *Francis Channell* of Oxon, *Edward Ellis* of Gilsfield batchellor in divinity, Dr. *John Hacket* of S. Andrews Holborne, *Samuel de la Place*, *John de la March*, *Matthew Newcomen* of Dedham, *William Lyford* of Sherborne in Com. Dorset, M. *Carter* of Dynton in Com. Bucks, *William Lance* of Harrow in Middlesex, *Thomas Hodges* of Kensington in Com. Niddlesex, *Andreas Perne* of Wilby in Com. Northampton, D. *Thomas Westfield* of S. Bartholomew le great London Bishop of Bristoll, D. *Henry Haumon* of Penshurst in Kent, *Nicholas Prophet* of Marlborough in Com. Wilts, *Peter Sterry* of London, *John Earle* of Bishopston in Com. Wilts, M. *Gibson* of Waltham, *Henry Painter* of Exceter Batchellor in divinity, M. *Micheltwaite* of Cheryburton, Dr. *Wincop* of S. Martins in the fields, M. *Price* of Pauls Church in Covent-garden, *Henry VVilkinson* batchellor in divinity, D. *Richard Oldsworth* Master of Emanuell colledge in Cambridge, M. *VVilliam Duning* of Coldaston, and such other person and persons, as shall be nominated and appointed by both Houses of Parliament, or so many of them as shall not be letted by sicknesse or other necessary impediment, shall meet and assemble, & are hereby required and enjoyned upon summons signed by the Clerks of both houses of Parliament, left at their severall respective dwellings, to meet & assemble themselves at *Westminster* in the chappell called K. *Henry* the seventh's chappell, on the first day of *July* in the yeere of our Lord. one thousand six hundred forty three, and after the first meeting, being at least of the number of forty, shall from time to time sit and be removed from place to place, and also that the said Assembly shal be dissolved in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be directed; And the said persons, or so many of them as shal be so assembled, or sit, shal have power and authority, & are hereby likewise enjoyned from time to

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time during this present Parliament, or untill further order bee taken by both the said Houses, to confer & treat amongst themselves, of such matters and things, touching and concerning the Liturgie, discipline & government of the church of England, or the vindicating & clearing of the doctrine of the same from all false aspersions and misconstructions, as shall be proposed unto them by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, and no other, & to deliver their Opinions and Advises of, or touching the matters aforesaid, as shall be most agreeable to the word of God, to both or either of the said Houses, from time to time, in such manner and sort, as by both or either of the said Houses of Parliament, shall be required, & the same not to divulge by Printing, writing or otherwise without the consent of both or either House of Parliament. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, that *William Twist* doctor in divinity shall sit in the chaire as prolocutor of the said Assembly, and if hee happen to die or be letted by sicknesse or other necessarie impediment, then such other peason to be appointed in his place, as shall be agreed on by both the said Houses of Parliament; And in case, any difference or opinion shall happen amongst the said persons so assembled, touching any the matters, that shall be proposed to them as aforesaid, that then they shall represent the same, together with the reasons thereof to both or either the said Houses respectively, to the end such further direction may be given therein, as shall bee requisite in that behalf. And be it further Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That for the charges and expences of the said Divines, and every of them, in attending the said service, there shall be allowed unto every of them that shall so attend, during the time of their said attendance, and for ten dayes before and ten dayes after the summe of foure shillings for every day, at the charges of the Commonwealth, at such time and in such manner as by both Houses of Parliament shall be appointed. And be it further Ordained, that all and every the said Divines, so as aforesaid required and enjoyned to meet and assemble, shall be freed & acquitted of & from every offence, forfeiture, penalty, losse or damage which shall or may arise or grow by reason of any non-residence or absence

sence of them or any of them, from his or their, or any of their Church, Churches, or Cures, for, or in respect of their said attendance upon the said Service, any law or statute of Non-residence, or other Law or statute enjoining their attendance upon their respective Ministeries or charges to the contrary thereof notwithstanding; And if any of the persons before named shall happen to die before the said Assembly shall be dissolved by Order of both Houses of Parliament, then such other person or persons shall be nominated and placed in the roome and stead of such person and persons so dying, as by both the said Houses shall be thought fit and agreed upon: And every such person or persons so to be named shall have the like power and authority, Freedome, and acquittall to all intents and purposes, and also all such wages and allowances for the said service, during the time of his or their attendance, as to any other of the said persons in this ordinance is by this ordinance limited and appointed. Provyding alwayes that this ordinance or any thing therein contained, shall not give unto the persons aforesaid, or any of them, nor shall they in this Assembly assume to exercise any Jurisdiction, Power, or Authority Ecclesiasticall whatsoever, or any other Power, then is herein particularly expressed.

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